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detecting the protein by immunoreaction with the monoclonal antibody.

--43. A method for purifying a protein, comprising the steps of

contacting a mixture containing impurities and the protein of claim 38 with a column packing having a monoclonal antibody *which binds* specific to the protein coupled thereto to adsorb the protein to the monoclonal antibody while allowing the impurities to pass the column packing; and

desorbing the adsorbed protein from the monoclonal antibody.

--44. A therapeutic agent comprising a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier and as an active ingredient the protein of claim 40.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to place the application in better condition for examination.

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Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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